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### WITHDRAWAL OF APPEAL

# Mail Stop Appeal Brief - Patents

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Appellants acknowledge receipt of the Decision on Request for Rehearing ("the Decision") in the above-referenced matter, mailed on January 24, 2006, which has been carefully reviewed and studied. Appellants are disappointed with the conclusion of the Bosrd to "decline to make any changes in the opinion" (the Decision at page 3), in reference to the Decision on Appeal in the present case, which was mailed on November 30, 2005 ("the Decision on Appeal"). However, while Appellants maintain their disagreement with the rejections set forth by the Examiner, and do not agree with the decision of the Board that "affirm[ed] the examiner's rejection of claims 1-8" (the Decision on Appeal at page 10), Appellants hereby withdraw the present appeal (Appeal No. 2005-2379), entirely without prejudice and without disclaimer, in order to pursue claims in a continuing application, which was filed on February 13, 2006.

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Appellants believe that no fees are due in connection with this request. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

Respectfully submitted,

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Please find attached a Withdrawal of Appeal No. 2005-2379. Please contact me at the number shown above if there are any questions.